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PRIEST JAILED FOR HISTORIC SEX OFFENCES

Teacher at Up Holland school "preyed on boys" in his private living quarters

A PRIEST who sexually abused two schoolboys at St Joseph's College in Up Holland in the 1970s and 1980s has been jailed.

Michael Higginbottom, 76, of West Farm Road, Newcastle, was sentenced to 18 years in prison at Burnley Crown Court yesterday (Tuesday, July 30).

Higginbottom had been convicted in 2017 of sexual offences relating to one boy at St Joseph's College.

But he faced a retrial after the original conviction was quashed on appeal. He was later accused of abusing a second pupil.

Higginbottom, who denied all the charges, was found guilty of five counts of serious sexual assault and seven counts of indecent assault.

Both victims said they were abused by Higginbottom in his private living quarters when he was a teacher at the school for boys aged 11 to 18.

Detective Sergeant Steve Ollerton, of Lancashire Police, said: "Michael Higginbottom subjected his victims to prolonged periods of abuse.

"He preyed on the boys, carrying out a series of serious sexual offences and indecent assaults. In so doing he breached his position of trust in the worst way imaginable.

"I am pleased he has been brought to justice and will now be in prison for a long time.

"Both victims have shown a tremendous amount of courage throughout this investigation and subsequent trial. I hope today's sentencing will allow them to begin to put this ordeal behind them and move forward with their lives.

"If anyone has been the victim of a sexual offence, I would urge them to come forward and report it to us. We take all reports seriously and ensure that victims are treated sensitively and professionally at all times."

Michael Higginbottom.

Stop and search employed again after another stabbing incident

POLICE in Skelmersdale have once again employed Section 60 stop and search powers following another stabbing in the town.

In the latest incident a teenager was attacked in the Digmoor area on Monday afternoon, July 29.

Officers were called at about 5.20pm to reports that a 17-year-old boy had suffered wounds to his arm and legs.

It is believed the victim, who was taken to hospital for treatment, had been chased from Bearncroft by a group of teenagers before being attacked in nearby Alderley.

The Section 60 order covered the areas of Digmoor, Tanhouse and Birch Green and was in place from 7pm on Monday, July 29 until 3am the following day, Tuesday, July 30.

'Reassurance'

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "The order gives us the power to search people or vehicles without suspicion in an area where we believe violence could take place.

"We hope that this does not overly concern you (the public) - it's not about targeting people, it is about making sure we do all we can to keep you and where you live safe, whilst offering you reassurance and maintaining a presence in the area.

"We have a team of officers working on finding who was responsible. We do not believe there is any wider threat to the public.

"If you know or saw anything that you think may help our investigation, it is important that you call us on 101 quoting incident reference 1023 of 29th July.

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Youngsters invited to join in outdoor summer fun with Junior Rangers Club

CHILDREN aged between five and 12 can enjoy some fun in the great outdoors by joining in summer holiday activities with the Junior Rangers Club.

Youngsters can learn woodland crafts, enjoy arts activities and find out more about the animals and plants in our parks at events organised by West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service across the borough.

For a full list of events and where to meet on each day, visit the council website www.westlancs.gov.uk/events.

Booking opens seven days before each event and is essential to avoid disappointment. For more details on events and to book places, call 01695 622794.

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Mums urged to join the Global Big Latch On

STAFF at the Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust are encouraging local mums to join the annual Global Big Latch On event.

Staff at the Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust are encouraging local mums to join the annual Global Big Latch On by attending events in Ormskirk and Southport.

The Latch On sees thousands of breastfeeding women and their babies come together for a synchronised feeding event, in multiple locations around the world.

This year the goal is to break the current Global Big Latch On record of almost 21,500 children breastfeeding at 778 locations, across 28 countries.

The trust is co-hosting two events on Friday, August 2 - one at the Guide Hut in Green Lane, Ormskirk from 9.30 to 11.30am and the other at the Lakeside Church, Fairway, Southport starting at 10.30am - aiming to support local breastfeeding mums.

'Incredible'

Staff from Families and Babies Breastfeeding support (FAB), plus midwives and health visitors will all be on hand to offer advice and help to any mums with questions or queries.

Lesley Fawcett, infant feeding co-ordinator at Ormskirk Hospital, explained: "The Global Big Latch On is an incredible event, taking place around the world during Breast Feeding Week (1-7 August).

"People gather together to breastfeed and offer peer support. It is all part of making breastfeeding a normal part of day-to-day life, and helping to promote it throughout our communities.

"We hope lots of people come along to get involved, last year we had just under 100 babies latch on across three events. This year we have just two events, but we are looking forward to seeing even more mums and beautiful babies join us to latch on!"

To find out more about the support provided by FAB in West Lancashire for breast feeding families, call the helpline on 01254 772 929. This is manned seven days a week by trained peer supporters, or visit www.familiesandbabies.org.uk.

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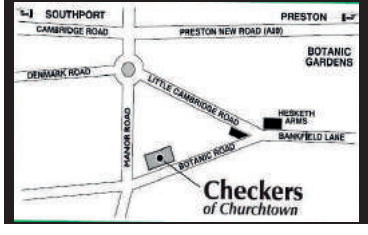

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Tawd Valley parkrun off to a flying start

Report by **Henry James**

Participants in the new Tawd Valley parkrun at the first pre-run briefing.

DESPITE the wet weather a total of 188 runners and walkers lined up for the launch of the new Tawd Valley parkrun on Saturday, July 27 with Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gaynar Owen getting the event underway at 9am.

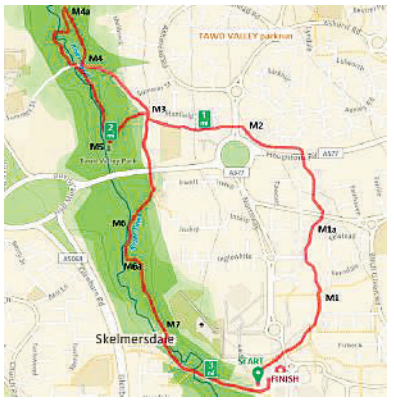
The run is a single lap 5km course which starts and finishes next to Skelmersdale library and takes in the sights and sounds of the Tawd Valley Country park.

It will now continue weekly on Saturdays with a 9am start, although there are likely to be some small course alterations over the coming period in line with the development of the new cycle track through the Tawd Valley, on which construction is due to start in early August.

Event director, Paul Cotterill, commented: "It was just great to see so many people joining us for the first event and to hear so many positive, indeed, surprised, comments about the beautiful surroundings of the Tawd Valley, through which much of the run passes.

"Over the years, the country park - the green lung of Skelmersdale - had become a bit neglected and then disused, so it was great to have so many people running on some of the new paths installed under the improvement project led by the council and with huge volunteer support from the Friends of the Tawd Valley group.

"The run was followed by tea and coffee provided by our friends in the PULSE community centre just 100 yards from the finish line and the buzz of excitement among the congregated runners and marshals was palpable."



A map of the course showing the marshalling points.

The parkrun is entirely volunteer-led, and depends on several course marshals to make it happen every week and organisers are keen to welcome all-comers wishing to join the "friendly" marshalling team.

They say that marshalling might be especially suited to people who feel they might not yet be able to take on the full 5km course, at least yet, but want to start the weekend by getting out in the open air, moving out to their allocated marshal point and cheering on the participants.

Stressing that the parkrun ethos is one of absolute inclusion, they especially welcome people with disabilities.

To sign up for parkrun, you just need to go to www.parkrun.org.uk and register for free, print off a barcode, and turn up at around 8.45am for the pre-run briefing.

Anyone wanting to get involved in marshalling can do so by emailng tawdvalley@parkrun.com; making contact via the new Facebook page; or simply by turning up on Saturday at 8.15am next to Skelmersdale library to meet the team, don a hi-viz and be taken out to a marshalling point.

Construction company wins £12m contract to build riverfront scheme

Report by **Henry James**

A computer-generated image of what The Waterhouse development will look like.

SKELMERSDALE-based Construction Partnership UK Group (CPUK) has won a £12m contract to build a riverfront apartment scheme in Manchester.

The company, which has purpose-built headquarters at White Moss Business Park, East Gillibrands, has been commissioned to develop The Waterhouse, 86 high-specification apartments on the River Irwell with waterside views into the heart of Manchester.

CPUK took part in a two-stage tender for the contract with Forshaw Land & Property Group, a Bolton-based developer with a strong track record of building quality residential developments across the region.

The Waterhouse, off Worrall Street on the Salford side of the Irwell, will have roof terraces, private balconies in the one, two and three-bedroom apartments, a gym, residents' lounge, cycle storage and optional car parking spaces.

Some of the apartments, available to buy off plan, are duplexes.

Manging director of CPUK, Steve Burke, said: "We have negotiated and won several high-quality residential builds during the past three years in Manchester and Salford. This is our second scheme with Forshaw, following on from the successful 179-unit Huddersfield student accommodation development.

"Forshaw is a developer that takes unloved land and forgotten buildings and turns them into the unique spaces that bring land back to life.

"We have a lot of experience working on difficult sites and this project fits well with our expertise in residential new builds."

The 18-month contract will see the CPUK team working out of a site office 250 metres from the main construction site.

The brick façade will be complemented by green glazed brick slips to the rear walls of the balconies and zinc cladding at roof level.

CPUK recently completed a £2.3m project to transform redundant council offices in Chorlton for Manchester developer, Retail Property Investments, bringing the 1960s building back to life with a mixed use scheme of three retail units and 22 apartments. They are also involved in a £4m scheme in Salford, due for completion this autumn, delivering an eight-storey building with 25 apartments and a commercial unit on the site of the former Albert Vaults pub for Novo Property Group.

Frank Gill at the family party to mark his 100th birthday.

Former Skem ambulance station officer Frank celebrates 100th birthday

A SECOND World War veteran, who was once listed as missing presumed dead after being captured in Greece, has celebrated his 100th birthday.

To mark the milestone Frank Gill, who later joined the ambulance service and went on to become station officer at Skelmersdale, enjoyed a garden party laid on by neighbours and a trip to the pub with former colleagues, followed by a family gathering with relatives coming from as far afield as the USA.

Frank has written a book about his life, mainly around his experience as a prisoner of war, and is also president and only surviving original member of the Brotherhood of Greek Veterans.

He was married for 72 years to wife, Margaret who sadly passed away two years ago.

Proud daughter, Lorraine, said: "Dad still lives independently at home and is doing really well for his age. And over the years he has managed to keep in contact with many former colleagues and friends."

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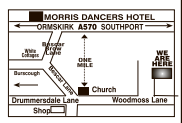

Skelmersdale artist wins top prize at Lancashire Open Exhibition 2019

THE top award in this year's Lancashire Open Exhibition was a 'home win' for the borough with Skelmersdale artist Andrew Robinson taking the £800 first prize for his oil painting, *Hello, Mr Foster!*

The annual celebration of talent, from accomplished amateurs through to professional artists, opened at the West Lancs Council-owned Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk on Saturday, July 20.

Almost 450 artworks submitted by artists from across the UK were considered for selection and 190 of them, depicting a wide range of subjects, are now on display at the gallery in St Helens Road until Wednesday, September 4.

The selection process is entirely anonymous, with all the works judged by different guest selectors each year. This year, David Hancock and Tracy Hill, who are both established artists, curators and academics took on the task of choosing which works would be included in the final exhibition.

Several works of art received commendations and the overall winners were:

1st Prize £800: Andrew Robinson, from Skelmersdale, with oil painting Hello, Mr Foster.

2nd Prize £400: Beata Wrobel, from Preston, with sculpture Watchtower.

3rd Prize £200: Sarah Gilman, from St Helens, with oil painting Escape.

Visitors can also vote for their own favourite to be awarded the People's Prize, and all who vote will be in with a chance to win a £50 cash prize.

The council says that the Open Exhibition offers art lovers a great way to source original pieces to suit all budgets. Works range from small-scale watercolours, prints and photography, to large-scale contemporary oil paintings, 3D art and textiles.

Artist Andrew Robinson and his winning entry with Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Terry Aldridge and Margaret Ball.
Photo: Gary Sargent, 127media.com.

Popular

Pieces can be purchased at "very reasonable prices" or through the Own Art Scheme, an interest-free loan organised through Arts Council England.

Visitors wishing to view Open Exhibition can do so during regular gallery opening times but anyone who would like a tour can contact the gallery on 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "The Open is one of the gallery's most popular exhibitions, where there really is something for everyone. There are free, family-friendly, gallery-based activities available during every exhibition at the Chapel Gallery for people to explore, engage and enjoy, so don't miss this fantastic event."

The gallery is open from 10am to 4.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is free and it also has a café and craft shop. For more information visit www.chapelgallery.org.uk.

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Library hosts drop-in 'surgery' as part of campaign to recruit more foster carers

SKELMERSDALE library is hosting a drop-in 'surgery' today (Wednesday, July 31) for would-be foster carers.

Running from 1 to 4pm, the event is part of Lancashire County Council's ongoing drive to recruit new carers and join the hundreds already discovering the rewards of sharing their lives with children who need a home.

Similar events will be held in libraries across the county over the coming months, so that anyone who is interested can visit informally and find out more.

An advantage of attending the events is that your eligibility can be checked on the spot and an initial home visit booked immediately, to fast-track you through the process.

Current foster carers and staff from the county council's fostering service will be on hand at the surgeries to answer questions, talk you through the process, offer advice and share their own experiences of fostering.

With around 20 additional Lancashire children coming into care each week and needing urgent foster care placements, the county council is keen to attract local people and families to step forward.

Some need foster care for a few days, while others need a longer period of care for up to a year or more.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We need to recruit new foster carers. Going along to one of these surgeries could be a quick and easy way to find out if this could be for you. You'll be able to talk to our friendly team and our foster carers about what it is like to foster in an informal setting.

It's hoped drop-in surgeries could help more people discover the rewards of sharing their lives with children who need a home.
Photograph posed by models.

"Drop-in surgeries and holding them in libraries are both different approaches we have been trying out to recruit the new foster carers that are needed.

"We recognise that people have very busy lives, so this could be a very useful way of being able to talk to people who are interested in finding out more. It should particularly make it easier for people to talk to us if the library is located close to where they live.

"These events really are very informal to encourage people to have a chat with us. Just check our website on a regular basis for up-to-date information."

The county council has increased the allowances payable to new foster carers, so now they can expect to receive between £241 and £300 per week for each child they care for. People who have considered fostering before, but weren't sure they could afford it, are advised to go along to a drop-in surgery and find out if it could now be a viable option.

Future information evenings will also be held at County Hall in Preston and venues across the county, for anyone who can't make this drop-in surgery and is thinking about becoming a foster carer. Foster carers and staff from the county council's fostering service will also be attending community events during the year.

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

If you're unable to go along to a drop-in event, call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar was among interested spectators at the penalty shoot-out - one of the events at the community day to mark the opening of the Multi-Use Games Area.

Community Day marks opening of new Multi-Use Games Area

A COMMUNITY day was held at Elm Tree Primary School in Tanhouse to mark the opening of a Multi-Use Games Area.

The day featured a range of fun activities in the new area for the children, parents were invited too and former Everton FC players and training staff also attended.

Activities included a penalty shoot-out competition, an inflatable assault course and giant slide and there was a tombola-raffle stand for the parents.

Although the event was not open to the general public, due to safeguarding regulations, the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gaynar Owen, performed the official opening of the Multi-Use Games Area, with the school's headteacher, David Lamb, also in attendance.

All money raised from the raffle/tombola will be for the school's charity, Support Dogs which provides, trains and supports specialist assistance dog partnerships to increase the independence and quality of life for those affected by autism, epilepsy and physical disability.

Veterans visit school and make a donation to buy sports equipment

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association visited Woodland Community Primary School in Birch Green to show pupils memorabilia from the First and Second World Wars, as well as more recent day conflicts.

The veterans also made a donation to the Heathgate school to buy sports equipment following a request to the assocation's vice-chairman, Jimmy Matthew whose granddaughter is a member of the school council.

Esmae, 4, completes reading challenge

FOUR-year-old Esmae Hallsworth is the latest local youngster to successfully complete the Lancashire Reading Challenge at Skelmersdale library by reading 50 books.

Esmae, who is due to start at Dalton St Michael's CE Primary School, was helped by her sister Primrose and was presented with her book choice and a gold certificate by staff at the library in Southway who congratulated her on "a fantastic achievement".

The Lancashire Reading Trail is a county-wide reading challenge that encourages children up to the age of 12 to read more.

For further details about the reading trail and how to get involved, go to www.lancashire.gov.uk or visit your local library.

Esmae is pictured (right) with her Reading Challenge certificate and book choice.

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Police commissioner calls on new PM to repair the damage of a decade of cuts

LANCASHIRE's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has called on Boris Johnson to address almost 10 years of police cuts in the county after the new Prime Minister promised 20,000 new police officers nationally in his first address since succeeding Theresa May.

With Mr Johnson pledging that recruitment for these officers would 'start forthwith' the commissioner is demanding that any additional resource is allocated pro rata, proportionate to the number of officers that have been lost since 2010.

Lancashire has lost more than 750 officers in that period, the seventh highest nationally.

Mr Grunshaw also highlighted that any additional funding must take into account inflation and the recently-announced 2.5% pay rise for officers, which, he said, while entirely deserved, will leave a £6m hole in Lancashire Constabulary's budget if not properly funded. The commissioner also said that last year's enforced pension contribution changes again lacked any long-term plan about how they would be funded.

Clive Grunshaw is calling for 'a fair share' of the 20,000 new officers pledged by Boris Johnson.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Lancashire Constabulary has seen some of the biggest losses of police officers in the country, with more than 750 since 2010. In comparison, places like Surrey have lost just eight officers and, depending on calculations, stand to gain more which is a stark injustice which must be reflected when this much-needed funding is allocated.

"I have also asked the Prime Minister to clarify how forces will be supported to recruit and train hundreds of extra officers and get them on to the streets where they are needed.

"We want our fair share of the 20,000 officers to replace, as a minimum, what Lancashire has lost after successive governments have decimated funding which must be put back in to help keep the people of Lancashire, and across the country, safe."

Farmers alerted to tractor GPS systems thefts

POLICE are warning farmers to beware of thieves targeting tractors for GPS systems.

Posting on social media, Ormskirk and Burscough Police, wrote: "There have recently been a number of thefts of GPS Navigation systems from tractors in rural areas of Ormskirk. Please make sure your equipment is as secure as possible. If anyone has any information about these incidents, please call 101 or email Bethan.Cross3@lancashire.pnn.police.uk."

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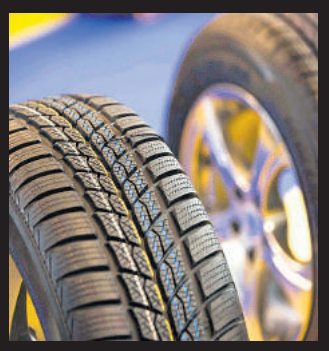

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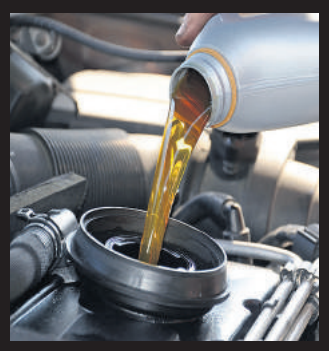

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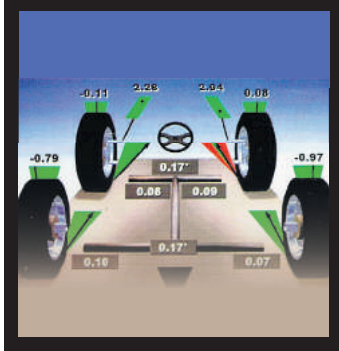

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ASDA staff sign up to be Dementia Friends

PICTURED are staff at ASDA in Skelmersdale, including general manager Mark Hill and store community champion Amanda Roberts, who have successfully completed a Dementia Friends session with local Dementia Friends Champion, Joe Sherville.

Dementia Friends help by raising awareness and understanding of the condition so that people living with dementia can continue to live the way they want.

New pizza store to open at Concourse

PIZZA company Domino's are set to open a new store in Sklmersdale's Concourse shopping centre on Monday, August 12.

The store is expected to create up to 35 jobs for pizza makers, customer service staff and delivery drivers.

Store manager, Cameron Mills, said: "We're thrilled to be opening our doors to the people of Skelmersdale and will be hosting an official opening event on Saturday, August 17 featuring a free pizza giveaway for the first 100 customers from 11am."

The new store will be based in the Atrium unit at the Concourse.

Woman who racially abused hospital guard ordered to take human dignity course

By our **Court Reporter**

A SKELMERSDALE woman has appeared in court for racially abusing a security guard at Southport Hospital when she was asked to leave for aggressive and abusive behaviour.

Amanda Caren, 37, of Willow Hey, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court where she pleaded guilty to racially aggravated harassment.

The court heard that she had been taken by ambulance staff to Southport and Formby District Hospital on the evening of January 4 but while there a security guard was called to remove her from the premises.

Lynn Clark, prosecuting, said that Caren was being aggressive and abusive to ambulance staff and people present were shocked and frightened by her behaviour.

Miss Clark said that after being made to leave Caren returned and became aggressive and abusive again.

Shouting at the security guard, she said: "I am from Skem and if my family come down here you are dead. Go back to your own country, you black ******."

When interviewed by police, Caren said that she had been "extremely intoxicated" and did not remember attending the hospital apart from being made to leave the A&E department.

"She could not believe that she had said anything racist," the prosecutor said. "She said she is not a racist and had dated people of other nationalities before. She stated she was very sorry for her actions and would like to apologise."

Miss Clark added that CCTV showed her apologising at the scene, "although she is screaming and shouting at the complainant as she does so."

Caren, a warehouse worker, was represented by solicitor Mark Ellis who said she had gone to hospital after suffering an extreme anxiety attack which was made "ten times worse" when she tried to treat it by drinking alcohol.

Handing the magistrates two letters of apology that Caren had written, for the court and for the victim, Mr Ellis said she put her behaviour towards the security guard down to being told to leave and not knowing what she was going to do.

Following a probation report, she was fined £150 and ordered to pay compensation of £100 along with £170 in costs and victim surcharge.

She was also ordered to take a 'Promoting Human Dignity' course and attend 20 days of rehabilitative activity with the probation service.

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Man charged with attempted post office robberies

A 20-year-old man has been charged with the attempted robbery of two post offices in West Lancs on the same day using an imitation firearm.

The alleged offences are said to have occurred on the afternoon of Friday, July 19 at County Road Post Office, Ormskirk and Square Lane Post Office, Burscough.

Adam Jones, 20, described as being from the Ormskirk area, appeared at Preston Magistrates Court on where he was charged with two offences of attempted robbery and two offences of possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.

He was remanded in custody to appear at Preston Crown Court on Tuesday, August 20.

Ukulele festival is back for fourth year

PARBOLD'S annual ukulele festival, Parbulele, returns for a fourth year from Friday to Sunday, August 2 to 4.

The event is expected to attract around 2,000 visitors to the village over the course of the weekend which will include two evening concerts in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, featuring both bands and solo artists, and a 'meat feast' barbeque to start with.

Also, for the first time this year there will be a Battle of the Bands at the Friday concert.

During Saturday and Sunday there will be 12 workshops at various venues (details on website www.parbulele.co.uk). These will range from some aimed at beginners to others for players with more experience who want to improve. There will also be singing and songwriting workshops, as well as harmonica lessons.

Organiser Gary Smith and ukulele player AD Cooke at last year's Parbulele.

Attractions

And on both Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm local ukulele bands will be playing in the beer gardens of the Railway, Windmill, and Stocks pubs, and also at the Coffee Etc. café on Station Road.

Meanwhile at the same times there will be performances on the main stage at the specially-created Music Village on the banks of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Other attractions will include a children's area with bouncy castles, a pirate boat on the canal, a catering facility and various trade stands. There will also be a beer tent selling a beer specially made for the festival, Mr& Mrs Parbulele, brewed by The Problem Child Brewery at the Wayfarer.

Entry to the festival and all day-time performances is free. Tickets and details of paid events are available from Gary Smith at parbulele.ukulele.festival@gmail.com, tel. 07495 332 770; or you can pay on the day.

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An artist's impression of the proposed new Skelmersdale Leisure and Wellbeing Hub.

'Don't miss chance to comment on new leisure hubs' says MP

ROSIE Cooper has joined West Lancs Council in urging residents across the borough to have their say on the authority's proposals for new 'state-of-the-art' leisure and wellbeing hubs - before it's too late.

The MP says some residents have raised concerns about the siting of the proposed hubs, while others have welcomed the plans.

However, she stressed that whatever your views you should ensure you make them known to the council by taking part in the public consultation which is due to end on Friday, August 2.

Under the proposals the council plans to replace the ageing leisure centres in both Ormskirk (Park Pool) and Skelmersdale (Nye Bevan Pool) with the new hubs which the authority says will offer much-improved facilities giving many more people the chance to enjoy getting fitter and healthier.

Ms Cooper said: "These proposals represent a significant investment in the health and wellbeing of the residents of West Lancashire and will cost a lot of money, so it is important that residents feed in their views on the proposals so the council is fully aware when making their decisions.

"Some residents have raised concern with me over the siting of the centres, while others believe this is long overdue investment in replacing out-of-date facilities.

"Whatever your views are, you should ensure that you submit these to the council via their consultation website or in writing before the August 2 deadline so that the decisions they make can be based on your opinions."

You can see and comment on the plans at http://westlancshubs.co.uk/ or write to the council at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

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AFTER the success of the War Horse walking route, West Lancs Council is working with the Gorse Hill Nature Reserve in Aughton, to re-launch another of the borough's popular walks, The Yellowhammer Walking Route.

The route boasts stunning views of Lancashire and Merseyside and to celebrate the re-launch a free guided walk has been organised for Sunday, August 4. Starting at 11am from Ormskirk railway station car park, there are two options as follows:

***1.** Take the guided walk from the station to Gorse Hill Nature Reserve. Enjoy drinks and refreshments and hear from reserve volunteers about their work, then walk the remainder of the Yellowhammer Route back to Ormskirk, led by the council's Countryside Rangers. Distance approximately seven miles.*

***2.** Take the guided walk from the station to Gorse Hill Nature Reserve, stop for refreshments and hear from reserve volunteers. Led by the volunteers you can walk around part of the reserve which is often closed to the public. From here you can return to Ormskirk at your leisure. Distance approximately five miles*

The Yellowhammer walking guide has been reproduced by the council so walkers can follow the route at their leisure. Copies are available from the council offices; the customer service point at the Concourse, Skelmersdale; Ormskirk library and Gorse Hill Nature Reserve. It is also available to download from the website at https://discoverormskirk.com/.

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Concerts are free and run from 2 to 4pm except on the day of the Ormskirk MotorFest (August 25) when music is planned for throughout the day.

The Saturday line up of bands is as follows:

August 3: Joan O'Neill Band (rock'n'roll pop covers.

August 10: The TTs (Merseybeat).

August 17: Ceilidh in the Park.

August 24: Wayne Carrick Band (blues favourites).

August 31: George's Big Shed (blues and rock).

And the Sunday line up is:

August 4: Flixton Brass Band.

August 11: Skelmersdale Prize Band.

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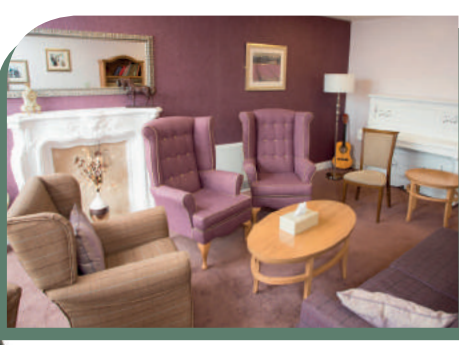

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We must preserve iconic Parbold Hill from this 'damaging' plan

DEAR readers, residents and visitors of Parbold, the Parbold Hill 'landfill' planning application is a damaging and unjustifiable one. It initially involves hundreds of thousands of tons of 'inert' waste to be poured onto our iconic green belt.

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- The reactivation of water contamination through leachant poisoning to the ecology.
- Serious risks to traffic and pedestrian safety.
- The infusions of noise, vibration, dust, and aromas that will affect adjacent businesses, the social welfare at rest homes for the elderly and their families.
- Recreational visitors, walkers, commuters to and out of Parbold, schools, churches and others who bring trade and support to local businesses and services, will all feel the effects.
- The sacrifice of landscape and wildlife are of principal concern. The vast panorama and views of valley, fields, dales and woodland is currently accessed from a safe proscenium. Inadequate 'investigations' into the ecology of this site and the surrounding areas would be better replaced with reports by specialist-specific bodies.

We believe, should the true gravity of this application be grasped, those who are the custodial decision-makers for our communities will refuse this planning application. In its place there is a strong feeling, across the community of Parbold, that this site should be rather awarded an 'Asset of Community Value Status' thus preventing any further plans for its desecration and all the social implications that ensue.

Parbold Hill is an iconic crown, a glorious expression of our heritage for one and all and the beautiful vale above which it sits. Help us preserve it.

David Secrett, Parbold.

PICTURE of the week

BLOOMING lovely...Reader Mick Hanratty of Walrus Photography submitted this picture capturing flowers in full bloom in an Aughton garden on a beautiful, sunny summer's day

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us at editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief caption details.

Although we cannot publish ALL the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, thank you.

Call for council to take a firmer line on application

GIVEN that the proposed Parbold Hill landfill will have a disastrous effect over a wide area of West Lancashire, why is West Lancashire Council's response so weak?

Parbold Parish Council has issued a comprehensive seven-page denunciation of the scheme, listing several very strong reasons for the plans to be refused.

In contrast, West Lancashire Council's response has amounted to 'we note your application - we assume you'll let us know of developments.'

250 people packed Parbold Village Hall to protest last week. The developer - a privately-owned company in Bromsgrove, Worcs - hopes to make a £10m profit by destroying a beauty spot in the Green Belt.

The damage to local roads and the environment is likely to cost around £500,000 to rectify, and as the developer cannot be charged, it is us, West Lancashire's council tax payers, who will have to foot the bill.

Please can everyone urge their councillors to take a much firmer line.

Oliver Howarth, Parbold.

Time to come to terms with Referendum result

RE: The letters by Joseph Caygill and John Watt (Champion, July 24).

Yes, Joseph, you are spot on it is the job of the youth to challenge and not accept the status quo, but we are not a republic like America.

We vote for a local MP not the Prime Minister and the Queen asks the party with the most MPs to form a Government, so good luck with trying to change the system.

However I am very concerned with your prejudice against anybody over 55 voting. Some of our Prime Ministers, authors and artists did great things when they were over 55 - you should look for them in your school library

Also, like John Watt you talk about the Tory leadership voting and the winner becoming the next Prime Minister as being not very democratic. But it is very democratic because this process was put in place by all parties debating and voting for it in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons

It is wrong to bring in the Lib Dems when talking about being democratic, They have become a populist party.

If they where true to their name and were a democratic party they would have honoured and respected the Referendum result and made sure the Government got the best deal for the UK, good or bad.

I am well over 55 and voted against Brexit but I have come to terms with the result and so should Parliament.

Dave B, Skelmersdale.

Why are these safety issues on a major road ignored?

COULD someone please explain to me why Winifred Lane in Aughton is ignored by our public highways department?

The blind corner halfway up the road has a private hedge growing across the public footpath. This has been the case for years. It has been 'cut back' recently but is still at least a metre over where it should safely be.

Winifred Lane is a major road that has to cope with all forms of transport, including buses as it has several bus stops.

These buses come hurtling around the blind corner on the wrong side of the road because of the excessive hedge growth.

Recently a removal lorry ripped off branches that ended up in the middle of the road as the driver attempted to drive legally within his lane.

Surely there must be a law against overgrown hedging on a public highway?

The little roads around Granville Park were recently treated to a complete tarmac resurfacing that benefited a handful of people whereas the major Aughton artery known as Winifred Lane remains like the surface of the moon.

In fact, the moon surface is actually better because it doesn't have overgrown hedgerows on blind corners.

Driver, Aughton, details supplied.

Drop us a line...

- IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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New leisure facility welcome but not at expense of our highly-valued green space

EVERYBODY will welcome the proposal to replace Park Pool with a new state-of-the-art leisure facility but it is ridiculous to choose a highly-valued green field site next to a conservation area.

Church Fields is used every day by dozens, in not hundreds of people.

The proposal has already had an adverse effect on people's wellbeing. A retired pharmacist living in a bungalow on County Road opposite the proposed site is distressed at the prospect of the hub facing her home.

The residents of Church Fields and a lot of other people are against the loss of our green field space.

County Road is already very busy and the Fiveways junction is an accident black spot, we don't need additional traffic within a few hundred yards.

The tired Park Pool should be knocked down and the new facility built in its place.

There is no need to build on the highly-valued site when the obvious solution is staring the council in the face.

A. Harrison, Ormskirk.

Council risk management leaves a lot to be desired

UP Holland has a large green field bordered by Newgate and Ormskirk Road, recently trenched on its perimeter to deter travellers access.

Shortly after or during these excavation works a large collection of industrial tyres appeared in a corner at low level behind The Plough and Harrow pub.

The 20 or so tyres are mainly large, 1.5 metres in diameter, overgrown with summer grass and near to dumped trees cut down by the works. The council have been told about this.

To date, no action has resulted and it is possible around about Bonfire Night some enterprising pyromaniac will get the urge to start a fire. This would be a large fire requiring Fire Brigade action.

Hopefully, it will not happen and the council will have acted to remove the tyres et cetera. However the council are lethargic in such matters and do not appear to have any risk management system in place.

I suggest the council does not understand what risk management is.

Graham Walker, Up Holland.

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Volunteers turn out to help clear the children's graveyard at Ormskirk Parish Church.

Volunteers answer call to join children's graveyard clean-up

VOLUNTEERS responded to a call to help clear the children's section of the graveyard at Ormskirk Parish Church.

Councillor Adrian Owens had made an appeal for helpers to join a clean-up after receiving a request from a resident who was "distressed" about the state of the graveyard.

Following the appeal, more than 30 local residents and Our West Lancashire members and supporters went along on Saturday, July 20 to help with tasks including weeding, hedge-trimming and a general tidy-up.

Cllr. Owens said: "The condition of cemeteries in an area says something about a community and our community showed that the youngest among the sadly deceased of Ormskirk should rest in an area that is tended and remembered. Many of the name stones were completely covered by vegetation and it was quite emotional seeing their names reappear as volunteers respectfully cleaned them."

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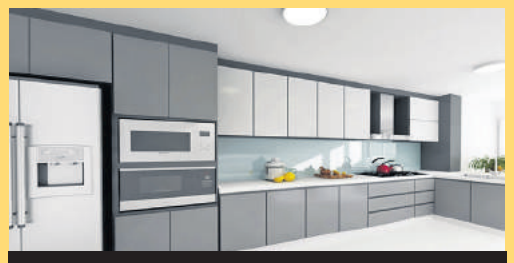

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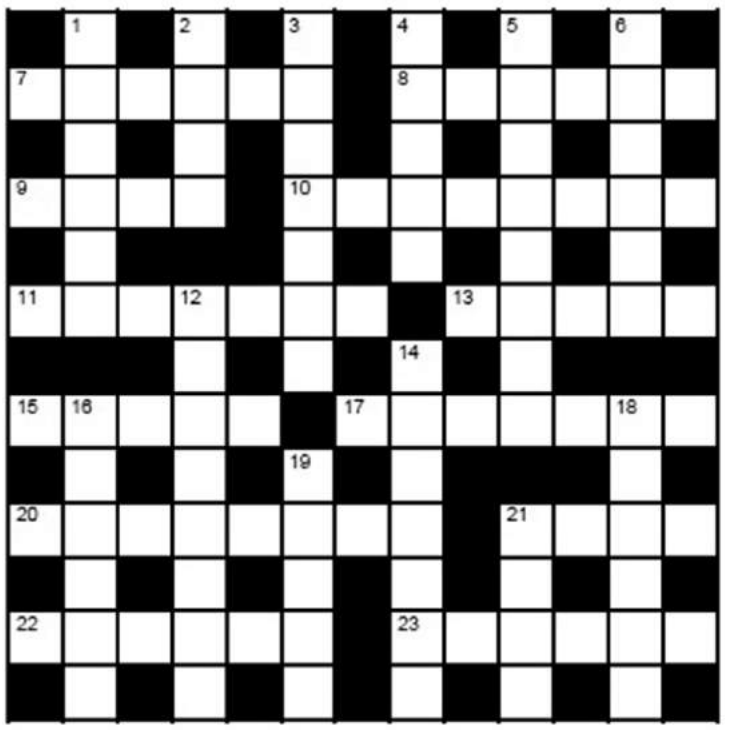

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Neural network. 8. Stage set. 9. Type. 10. Knocker. 12. Shoot. 14. Lunch. 16. Air fare. 19. Boar. 20. Indolent. 22 Picture window.

Down: 1. Meat. 2. Tragic. 3. Cluster. 4. Hefty. 5. Switch. 6. Trap door. 11. Neurosis. 13. Sit down. 15. Curate. 17. Feline. 18. Tiara. 21. Noon.

ACROSS

7. Red, blue or green, for example (6)
8. A tool for widening or finishing drilled holes (6)
9. (Of an animal) domesticated (4)
10. The culmination of a team knockout competition (3, 5)
11. Astounded, rendered senseless (7)
13. Auctioneer's hammer (5)
15. Pry (5)
17. To fall asleep especially for a short period of time (4,3)
20. The length of time that something lasts (8)
21. Inter, put underground (4)
22. Cause a train to leave its tracks accidentally (6)
23. Relating to the teeth (6)

DOWN

1. A small racing car with a lightweight or skeleton body (2-4)
2. Wafer receptacle in which a portion of ice cream can served or sold (4)
3. Destroyed, badly damaged (7)
4. An underground room or vault beneath a church, used as a chapel or burial place (5)
5. Endorse (8)
6. Refund for an overpayment (6)
12. Relating to newborn children (8)
14. Destructive vortex of violently rotating winds typically appearing as a funnel-shaped cloud (7)
16. A feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit (6)
18. Done in accordance with convention or etiquette; ceremonial (6)
19. The Christian scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments (5)
21. The capital of West Germany between 1949 and 1989 (4)

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Learning to drive at night didn't leave me in the dark

I HAVE a confession to make. Fortunately I told the editor about this some while ago, so hopefully I won't land myself into too much hot water.

It is that when my copy of the Champion pops through my door every Wednesday, the first pages I look for are those with my *Dog* column (to see what editorial changes may have been made on my deathless prose) and then David Simister's *Life on Cars*.

Now you could be forgiven for thinking I do not have the highest of opinions about private motors - but true or not, it has not always been so and I retain a considerable interest in automobiles, albeit more on what are now called 'recent classics'. In other words, the kind of cars I was driving when I was, if you follow.

Don't fret, I'm certainly not trying to vie with David on matters concerning cars. And given that David was once a Champion reporter before he became a 'big wheel' in the world of classic car magazines, I really need no excuse for following his writings.

So I was glad to see in his column this week his bit about this possible plan on banning new drivers from driving after dark. That could have ended my career as a driver before it even began.

I was given driving lessons as a birthday present when I turned 17. But since I was still at school at the time, all of my 10 lessons were perforce after school and after dark.

So until the day of my test (which I passed!) very nearly 100% of my driving had been after dark mainly on the roads between Bootle and Walton.

My only driving in the light had been a couple of times behind the wheel of a Bedford van (the rounded efforts that were once to be seen everywhere until wiped off the face of the earth - and the pages of 'classic' magazines) by the all-conquering Ford Transit.

Anyway, the upshot was that when I came to taking my test, everything seemed that much more clear and easy in the unaccustomed daylight. Perhaps that's the answer. Everybody should be forced to learn to drive after dark - or perhaps not.

In fact, I remember my test well.

My instructor filled most of the Austin A40 on his own. He was, shall we say, a very large man.

On the day of my test he insisted (as was apparently his custom) on driving me to the test centre, where he abandoned me to my fate with the cheery words: "If you don't pass I'll knock your head round."

And I started well. I don't suppose it's done like that these days, but back in the 1960s the first thing the tester did, before one was even allowed in the car, was point to a vehicle parked down the road and ask the testee (in this case me) to read the registration number. Since there were several parked cars in the direction he was pointing, I asked: "What car"? He obviously at first thought I was trying to be funny, until I realised what I had said and corrected it to "I mean, which car?"

Anyway, after that the test must have gone well, though I did stall the engine once.

Looking back, I'm sure this actually helped in that I didn't panic, I followed the correct procedure to get the A40 going again and, after that, stopped worrying because I thought I'd already failed.

I was very lucky in that my mother had already bought an almost new (ex-demonstrator) Singer Vogue which was waiting for me when I got home (on the bus).

Neither of my parents ever learned to drive, so my 'contract' with them was that I could use the car as my own, but with the proviso that I was available to chauffeur them to or from anywhere at any time.

But that is a story in itself for another time.

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Sisters celebrate First Class success at the double

SIBLING support played a key role in helping Annabel, 24, and 22-year-old Holly Lewis to celebrate at the double after both gained first class degrees from Edge Hill University.

The sisters, from Aughton and both former students of Ormskirk High School, have been awarded BAs in Early Childhood Studies and Sports Management and Coaching, respectively.

Studying at the same time enabled the sisters to spur each other on and also provide each other that extra bit of support when needed.

For Annabel, success at university was never something she thought she was capable of. "I was never very academic throughout school and never considered going to university, convinced that it wasn't for me and that I wouldn't do well", she said.

But after studying information and communications technology at college and then pursuing an apprenticeship in business administration while working in an office, she realised she wanted more.

"Having been surrounded by young children within my family and been a part of their development, it inspired me to want to work with and be able to help children.

First class sister act . . . Annabel (left) and Holly Lewis.

"The Early Childhood Studies degree at Edge Hill has given me the opportunity to embark upon a primary PGCE course, which I am carrying out at the university next year, as I am aspiring to be a primary school teacher."

Holly, however, has known since primary school that she wanted to study sports after participating in the Lancashire School Games.

A member of Liverpool Pembroke and Sefton Athletics club at the age of 12, she competed and trained regularly at the university's sports centre.

She said: "I always wanted to go to university and pursue sports and knew all about the high-quality facilities here at Edge Hill."

Inspired by her health-related modules - her dissertation subject was mental health promotion and awareness - she is aiming to find work within the health sector.

"The degree gives students the opportunity to work with children and adults when coaching. It gives you an insight into working alongside stakeholders and covers a variety of modules ranging from health to business."

As well as their own individual motivations, the sisters agree that studying for their degrees at the same time has played an important part of their success.

Annabel added: "Studying at Edge Hill has enabled us both to drive one another to do well. It particularly helped within our third year when writing our dissertations, as we were able to work together at home and help each other where needed."

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Lizzie's Zambia mission clicks with care home's 'Knit and Natter' group

Residents make baby clothes and blankets for student to donate to youngsters with special needs in the southern African country

WHEN student nurse Lizzie Brighouse landed a six-week placement to Zambia residents at the Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home where she works got clicking to make baby clothes and blankets for children with special needs in the southern Africa country.

Lizzie, who works as a healthcare assistant at the home in County Road, Ormskirk, travelled to Zambia as part of an initiative run by Edge Hill University where she is taking a nursing master's degree.

During her trip, which she funded herself, the 23-year-old worked with and helped to mentor local nurses and has told friends and family that she has seen some moving sights during her work.

Commitment

Colleague, Jill Gillard, said: "Lizzie is loveable and hard-working and nothing is too much trouble.

"No one is surprised that Lizzie took this opportunity to aid a good cause, using her experience in care and nursing skills to help those in need."

The knitted items were made by members of home residents' 'Knit and Natter' club.

David Walsh, marketing executive at Athena Healthcare, which runs the home, said: "Our very own Lizzie Brighouse, a healthcare assistant at Abbey Wood Lodge care home, has travelled to Zambia as part of her training to become a nurse.

"In preparation for her adventure, the residents of Abbey Wood Lodge lovingly knitted baby clothes and blankets for Lizzie to donate to a Zambian school for children with special needs.

"We'd like to congratulate Lizze and our superstar residents for their hard work and commitment. We couldn't be prouder."

Lizzie Brighouse pictured during her Zambia placement with one of the recipients of some of the knitted items 'lovingly' provided by residents of Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home.

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Get the family together and spend some time in the great outdoors this summer. For more information and to claim your membership offer, visit Martin Mere Wetland Centre on Fish Lane, Burscough and pop over to the Membership Desk in the main building.

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Newburgh Harrock United under-9s proudly display their kit sponsored by the Stocks Hall Group, with manager Barry Leadbetter and son Ollie.

Care group sponsorship helps young footballers gear up for league debut

MEMBERS of a newly-formed junior football team are all 'geared up' for the forthcoming season after securing sponsorship from the Stocks Hall Nursing and Care Group.

Newburgh Harrock United under-9s will kick off in the Skelmersdale Junior League in September sporting their new light-blue and white striped kit, courtesy of the sponsors.

Set up in March this year by manager, Barry Leadbetter, the squad practice on Monday evenings at Newburgh Sports Club and is made up almost entirely of 'new' players with only two members who have played in a league before.

Barry said: "Recognising local young talent is very important and we hope the team will do well in the league. They are a great group of children and it is a privilege to be their manager.

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Postie Mo set to make her boxing bow at 53!

She's aiming to deliver £1,000 boost for mental health charity

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A POSTWOMAN from Ormskirk will be aiming to deliver a welcome boost for a charity that is close to her heart when she takes to the ring in a 'white collar' boxing event at the Civic Hall on Sunday, August 4 - at the age of 53!

Mo Bayliss will square up to 39-year-old Toni Vaughan, also from Ormskirk, at the event organised by boxing coach and fitness trainer Sean Crowley, who runs the Jab Gym, formerly based in the town but now operating from new premises on Knowsley Industrial Park, Kirkby.

Mo, who has worked as a postwoman for 24 years in Aughton, admits she was a little bit wary of taking up the challenge when first approached but was finally swayed by the opportunity to raise funds for the mental health charity, MIND.

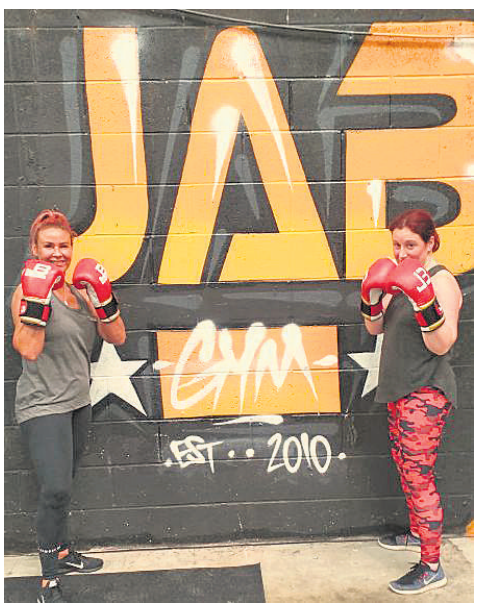
She said: "Taking part in a white collar boxing match is not something I thought I would be doing at my age and when my trainer Sean Crowley first asked me I was hesitant.

"But I decided I would do it to raise money for MIND which is very close to my heart as I know many people suffer in silence and have also known people personally who have taken their own lives.

"So I'm aiming to raise money and awareness through my Just Giving page. I hope to raise about £1,000.

"As for the fight itself, I'm training hard and looking forward to it."

Opponent and fellow gym member, Toni, added: "I've been training with Sean for a few years and with Mo over the last 10 weeks in the new gym. We are both training hard and have improved so much.



Mo Bayliss and Toni Vaughan who will be squaring up to each other in the ring.

"I think it's great that Mo is raising money for charity and I can't wait to box with Derry Mathews as referee. It's a brilliant challenge."

After the event Derry Mathews will host a question-and-answer for members of the audience.

There are a few tickets left for the event, for details email info@jabgym.co.uk or ring 07999 946 720.

Student accommodation company shortlisted for national award

ORMSKIRK-based McComb Students have joined Edge Hill University in the finals of the 2019 National Student Housing Survey awards

The company is one of four shortlisted in the Best Small Provider category.

Paul McComb, director of parent company, McComb Property, said: "We are so proud and excited to be a finalist for the UK's Best Small Provider.

"Our management team have superb relationships with our student tenants and it is amazing to be recognised for all their hard work.

"We have a strong focus on the student experience and thoroughly enjoy going the extra mile to make our tenants and their parents feel safe, cared-for and valued.

"All our tenants abide by our behaviour policy and thoroughly enjoy giving back to the town, such as volunteering for our annual Ormskirk Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch in the Civic Hall.

"We are Ormskirk's largest provider of student accommodation and all our student properties are located within the town centre above retail units or in former commercial properties that required substantial investment to bring back to life.

"We are the only accommodation provider in Ormskirk accredited by the National Code of Student Accommodation Providers and also registered with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. "

The National Student Housing Survey Awards are run by Red Brick Research and University Business and have been running since 2008.

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‘Move it and lose it’ over coming weeks at sessions

Report by **Henry James**

WANT to lose a little weight this summer? Active West Lancs has some free sessions to help people 'Move it and Lose it' over the coming weeks.

The perfect way to stay in shape for mums, dads and baby, is the Buggy Bootcamps, which are aimed at being fun, outdoor exercise classes which allow parents to exercise with their little one right next to them, and no childcare is needed!

Classes take place in the Firbeck Play Area, behind the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale, on Wednesdays and Coronation Park in Ormskirk on Thursdays between 10am and 11am on both days.

Another outdoor fitness activity for the summer is the Walk off the Weight Challenge at Richmond Park, Burscough, on Tuesdays between 10am and 11am and Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Wednesdays between 1pm and 2pm. Classes are pretty social so people can walk, talk, move it and lose it.

There is no need to book for either class, just turn up on the day. For more information call 01695 555804 or email activewestlancs@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure, said: "These free outdoor classes are great way of losing weight so come along and try them out. You could also make some new friends as well.

"Our Active West Lancs initiatives shows how the council is working to meet one of its key priorities to ensure the conditions are in place for people in West Lancashire to live healthy and fulfilling lives."

Fancy trying Tai Chi? Active West Lancs are holding classes in Tawd Valley Park on Saturdays between midday and 1pm. People taking part should meet at Skelmersdale Library at 11.45am and wear non-restrictive clothing and comfortable footwear.

The council are organising fitness walks in Ormskirk

For more information call Heather Reade, Tai Chi and Qi Gong Master, on 0745 0954900 or email info@HeatherReade.co.uk.

For more information on Active West Lancs visit www.activewestlancs.org.

West Lancashire Borough Council continues to organise health walks at different venues across the Borough. For more details visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/healthwalks.

Want to get back into football? Walking Football is exactly what it sounds like – a standard game of football where players walk instead of run. It is fun, friendly and can help people feel fitter and healthier. Active West Lancs are joining forces with the Skem Veterans' Association and Wigan Athletic Community Trust to offer free sessions on Wednesday evenings, 5pm – 7pm, at Evermoor Hub Community Centre, Digmoor, Skelmersdale. Sessions are aimed at Over 50's!

The cast of The Boadicea of Britannia Street

Play proved to be a ‘comic gem’ for company

Review by **Ellen Campbell**

**The Boadicea of Britannia Street
Ormskirk Theatre Company at The Toby Carvery, Ormskirk.**

WRITTEN by Ade Morris and directed by Gary Simpson, The Boadicea of Britannia Street, proved to be quite a comic gem for the Ormskirk Theatre Company.

Partially narrated by pregnant PE Teacher, Penny, (Lisa O'Reilly), it followed the lives of four women coming together at Winkham Memorial Hall for a course on Creative Writing, led by Fran (Jackie Roscoe), widowed, childless and a bit of a poet.

First to enlist was Penny who was immediately offered a cup of tea with some vodka in it by Fran (a continuous occurrence throughout the course). They were joined by Annie (Hellen James), a nervous, downtrodden housewife, and librarian Janet (Lesley Roper).

Their idea to write a play about Boadicea started to take shape when they began to gel with one another and we got to hear of the struggles and problems in their personal lives which they incorporated into the personality of Boadicea until the point came when they used Boadicea to fight one of Annie's demons.

Humour was in plentiful supply, especially the moment where Janet, who after announcing she is a lesbian, tried to entice Annie to kiss her, a hilarious scene beautifully executed by the couple. And to see the women construct their version of Boadicea complete with swords, shields and a pantomime horse/cow was classic comedy.

There was also tragedy in their lives. Annie confessed to being beaten by her husband and Fran announced she was fighting cancer, but it was handled sympathetically and, in Annie's case, a dose of old-fashioned slapstick humour.

This play merited a much bigger audience and a proper stage to do it the justice it deserved.

Star rating: 7 out of 10. Great fun and a philosophical reflection on women's lives.

Chapel Gallery events will be ‘out of this world’

THE Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk are planning a summer of activities that “are out of this world”.

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing and the Gallery's line up of cosmic activities includes Outer Space.

This area will be open daily from July 20 for families to enjoy numerous space-related activities. No booking is required but phone the Gallery on 01695 571328 in advance to check availability.

There are two great films for families to enjoy for free with Wall-E on August 7 and Monsters vs Aliens on August 21. Both films start at 2pm and while booking isn't required film fans should arrive early to make sure they get the best seats.

Children aged eight and over can enjoy a series of fun space-themed activities at the gallery, all of which cost £8 per child. To book contact Chapel Gallery 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk. Consent forms are required for young people booked onto these sessions. Payments can be made at Chapel Gallery or phone 01695 571328:

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Alien take over, August 22, 1pm-4pm – The Aliens are coming to town. Design and make an alien mask to scare your friends

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure, said: "Chapel Gallery summer activities are always great fun for children so parents should make sure their children don't miss out."

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Preview by **Ron Ellis**

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Scripted and produced by Asa, who with his horn-rimmed glasses looks a dead ringer for Buddy, it has packed venues throughout Merseyside and beyond with a nationwide tour planned for 2020.

The show is introduced by Liverpool legend Billy Butler who must stand alongside Bessie Braddock as the city's most popular personality of post-war years. His recent departure as a presenter from BBC Radio Merseyside, after nearly half a century, caused uproar with his legion of fans.

L. to R. Billy and Lesley Butler with the cast of Buddy Holly Lives.

Billy's wife, Lesley, plays Vi Petty, pianist on Buddy's records and wife of producer Norman Petty.

As Vi, she acts as narrator of the show, telling the story of Buddy's rise to worldwide fame after starting out as a young country and western singer in Lubbock, Texas, before his life tragically ended in the terrible plane crash of 1959 which also killed Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper.

Local actor, Ronnie Orr, who has made many stage appearances with Southport Dramatic Club at the Little Theatre, plays American D.J., Pappy Stone, and an authentic four-piece rock'n'roll band provides the backing. A poignant taped message from Buddy's parents is played at the end.

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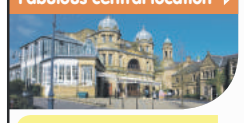

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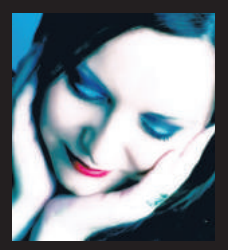

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JOHN FITZSIMONS

Always in our Hearts
23rd July 2019

Dear Dad to Jan, Grandad to Cass and Tara and loving Great Grandad to baby Carter. The love and care you have given us over the years will always be with us. We miss you so much, May the Angels keep you safe until we see you again. All our love xx

FITZSIMONS JOHN

23rd July 2019
Passed away peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice aged 81 years

Loving husband of Cath, much loved Dad of Paul, Nick, Julie, Mandy & Janet. Dear father-in-law of Ci, Loz, Jeff & Johnnie. Devoted Granddad of 9 grandchildren & 8 great grandchildren. Always and forever you will be in our thoughts and our hearts . God bless.

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DEATHS

FITZSIMONS JOHN

Always in our hearts
23rd July 2019

Dearest Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, we'll always remember your special smile and your loving hugs. We are all heartbroken to lose you so suddenly, life will never be the same. Rest in Peace Dad. All our love Julie, Loz, Thomas, Rachael and Jacob. xx

HEATON BARBARA

20th July 2019
Aged 84 years

Passed away so peacefully. Loving and much loved Wife of Cliff, Mum, Nana and Sister. Service at St. John Stone's Church Ainsdale on Thursday 1st August at 11:15am, followed by interment at Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for, St Vincent de Paul Society. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

DEATHS

ROACH EDDIE

On 20th July 2019
Peacefully at home

Beloved Husband of Linda, a loving Father, Grandad and Great Grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 5th August at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK. Donations and Further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

MITCHELL JOYCE

Passed away peacefully at Springfield Court
13th July Aged 89 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Ronald Mitchell will be sadly missed.

DEATHS

MORE MAUREEN ANN

24th July 2019
Aged 85 years

Sadly passed away after a long debilitating illness. Dearly beloved Wife of devoted Husband Ron.Sister to Angus, and the late Alan, Hugh, Clarence, Malcolm, Mary and Peter. Loving Godmother to adored Allondra and Alissandra. Maureen will unquestionably be greatly missed by all who knew her. Sincere thanks to all staff at Argyle Park Nursing Home for their kind, attentive care over a long period. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 9th August at 2.00 pm. No dress code. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Parkinson's UK. Enquiries to Howards Funeral Directors, 1 - 5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

FLETCHER ARLINE PATRICIA

23rd July 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 92 years

Loving Wife of the late Bill. Much loved Mum, Nan, Great Grandma, Great Great Grandma and Aunt. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and interment will take place at St Thomas The Martyr Church, Upholland on Friday 2nd August at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

UNSWORTH AGNES (Nee MEALEY)

20th July 2019
Aged 92 years
R-I-P

Died peacefully at home. Dearly loved Wife of the late George. Much loved Mum of Paul, Susan, Julie and Mother-in-law to Kevin, Nan to Ryan and Bradley, Sister to Sheila, Jack and Terry. Agnes will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 1st August at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

REYNOLDS TIMOTHY JOHN

16th July 2019
Aged 61 years

Died peacefully in his sleep. Beloved Son of Mary and the late James. Much loved Partner of Pauline. Loving Brother of Sharon, Simon, Sally-Ann, Clare and James. Tim will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Friday 2nd August at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

WHITING PETER

19th July 2019

After a short illness, peacefully in hospital aged 80 years. Much loved Husband of Ada. Loving Dad of Debbie and Phil. Loving Grandad of Katie, Gary, Stacie and his Great Grandchildren. Peter will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 5th August 2019 at 11.30am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

McCONCHIE ROSE

28th July 2019
Aged 91 years

Died peacefully. Loving Wife of the late Arthur. Much loved Mum of Heather, Malcolm and Ian. Son-in-Law David, Daughter-in-Law Roni. Cherished Grandmother to Paul, Vicki, Laura and Jenny and Great-Grandmother to Harrison, Jacob, Oliver and Isla. Rose will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

Service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 9th August at 12 noon Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, can be made to Dementia UK Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

DEATHS

O'BRIEN JAMES

Known to family and friends as Jay or Jim
23rd July 2019
Passed away peacefully in hospital aged 77 years with family by his side

Loving Brother of Ronnie and Brother-in-law Les, Uncle to Stephen, Karen and Sue and their families. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 2nd August at 2.30pm. No dress code. Family flowers only please, any donations with thanks to Queenscourt, Southport.

Further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

REID SID

Died peacefully at home
25th July 2019
aged 91 years

Loving Husband of his late Wife Vera. Adored Dad of Kim and Paul and much loved Grandad of Beverley. Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 5th August 2019 at 12:15pm Family flowers only please and donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquires please to Anabel Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

DIXON JACK

27th July 2019
Peacefully at Aughton Park Care Home aged 88 years

The dearly loved Husband of Bet. Loving Dad of Vickey, Sarah, John and Jenny, dear Father in law of David, Denise, Yvonne and Mark and devoted Grandpa of Emily, Molly, Michael, Charlie, Andrew and Hatty. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 8th August 2019 at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

HALL FRANK

Passed away peacefully in High Wray Rest Home
20th July 2019
aged 94 years

Dearly Loved Husband of the late Jean, Much Loved Father of Anne, David & Jonathan. Will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 2nd August 2019 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for Masonic Charitable Foundation.

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15th July 2019

Aged 80 years

Passed peacefully at Southport Hospital. Loving Husband to Margaret, Father to Andrew, Grandad to Ruby and Emmie. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 13th August at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please but, if desired, donations are being collected for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Howards Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR Telephone 01704 500086.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BLUNDELL EVELYN

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Age Concern, received during the recent sad loss. A huge thank you to Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home staff for all their kindness and care given to Mum during her stay. Special thanks to Rev. Eileen Heaney for her prayers and kind ministrations and to Sally Hunter & staff at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the kindness & support received during this difficult time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CLARKE NELLIE

The Family of the late Nellie Clarke would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for The Air Ambulance received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Father Daley for his kind ministrations and to Anabel of MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

RICHARDS HILDA

The Family of the late Hilda Richards would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for North West Cancer Research received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev. Judith Ball for her kind words and prayers and to April Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MADDISON JOAN

Carol, Jill and Family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donation for Alzheimer's Society received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Mum and Nan. Thanks also to Rev Janet Heighton for the kind words of comfort and Lisa Hunter and the Team at MLS for the dignified and professional guidance given.

ARMITAGE PAT

Bert would like to thank all the friends and neighbours who attended Pat's Funeral on Wednesday 24th July, and to thank all who sent cards and messages of condolence, sympathy and support during this difficult time. Special thanks Sister Anne, and Brother-in-law Paul, and to Kenneth and Devina Mallon and family for their help and support during Pat's illness and stay in hospital. Thanks also to Sandra Howles for the lovely service and MLS Independent Funeral Directors (especially Sally) for their dignity, kindness and support.

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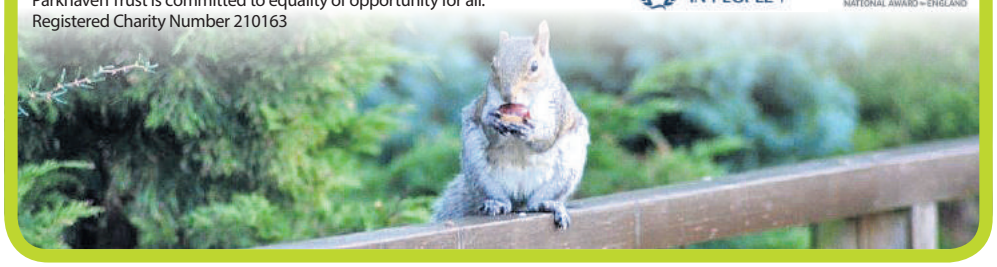

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(C164 HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C164 Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom at Hoscar Station Level Crossing for 20m either side.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 10th August 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 11th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrians only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic including emergency service vehicles affected by the closure is via:-
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Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18073/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C117 SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

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3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 12th August 2019 until 1700 hours on Monday 2nd September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Road closure will be in place for the full duration between the dates and times stated above. Road closure will not affect the running of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon.
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C117 Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk – A570 St Helens Road, Ormskirk – A570 Knowsley Road, Ormskirk – U1034 Ruff Lane, Ormskirk – U1034
Ruff Lane, Westhead and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow excavation and removal of two existing non return valves in the carriageway to be carried out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19057/EW]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0418/FUL Permission for the retention of a replacement dwelling house at 2 Wood Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0627/FUL Variation of condition No. 2 of planning permission 2014/0553/FUL to allow extended opening hours at Marmaris, 1 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 31st July 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1055

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A5209 SQUARE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of A5209 Square Lane, Burscough from A59 Liverpool Road South to B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough. Nothing in this notice shall apply to persons engaged in carrying out the works.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2000 hours on Sunday 18th August until 0600 hours on Wednesday 28th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will be in place overnight between the above times only on each day. Closure will not be in place outside of these hours. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Road closure will be in co-ordination with Stop/Go Traffic Management on A59 Liverpool Road South.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Stop Go TM works to be carried out on A59 Liverpool Road South which is having carriageway resurfacing works undertaken by Lancashire County Council – Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/17803/EW]

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LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE/CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to the Licensing Authority of West Lancashire Borough Council for the grant of a Premises Licence under Section 17 Licensing Act 2003
Name of Applicant: Sherston Ltd (Trading as Domino's Pizza)
Postal Address of the Premises: The Atrium Pod, The Concourse, Southway, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 6LJ
Details of the application are as follows: Late night Refreshment: Monday to Thursday 23.00 till 00.00, Friday & Saturday 23.00 till 01.00, Sunday till 23.00. Premises open to the public, Monday to Thursday 11.00 till 00.00, Friday & Saturday 11.00 till 01.00, Sunday 11.00 till 23.00.
The application may be inspected at the West Lancashire Borough Council Licensing office, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday at the address shown below or brief details can also be obtained from the Council's website at http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing
Any "Interested Party" who wishes to make representations must submit them in writing to the Licensing Officer, West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE or via e-mail to licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk by no later than 19th August 2019.
IT IS AN OFFENCE knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, and on summary conviction a person is liable to a fine of up to £5,000.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U927 BRIDGE STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk from U926 Moorgate, Ormskirk to U900 Ravenscroft Avenue, Ormskirk

AND FURTHER, during the period of the closure, pedestrians will temporarily be prohibited over that length of U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk from U926 Moorgate, Ormskirk to 47 Bridge Street, Ormskirk
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition for any motor vehicle or cycle will be operative from 1200 hours until 2359 hours on the following dates:
i. Saturday 17th August 2019 until Sunday 18th August 2019
ii. Saturday 24th August 2019 until Sunday 25th August 2019
iii. Saturday 14th September 2019 until Sunday 15th September 2019

AND FURTHER, the prohibition for any pedestrian will be operative from 0700 hours on Wednesday 14th August 2019, until 0700 hours on Friday 30th August 2019
or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
U927 Bridge Street, Ormskirk – B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk – A570 Park Road, Ormskirk – A570 St Helens Road, Ormskirk – U897 Small Lane, Ormskirk – U896 Chapel Street, Ormskirk – U927 Bridge Street and vice versa.

AND FURTHER, an alternative route for pedestrian traffic affected by the closure is via:-
U926 Moorgate, Ormskirk - A570 Park Road, Ormskirk – A570 St Helens Road, Ormskirk – U896 Chapel Street, Ormskirk – U927 Bridge Street and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of the Bridge Street Railway Footbridge to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18233/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrians to proceed over that length of B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton from U1023 Orchard View, Aughton to C122 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition for any motor vehicle or cycle will be operative from 1200 hours until 2359 hours on the following dates:
i. Saturday 17th August 2019 until Sunday 18th August 2019
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iii. Saturday 14th September 2019 until Sunday 15th September 2019

AND FURTHER, the prohibition for any pedestrian will be operative from 0700 hours on Wednesday 14th August 2019, until 0700 hours on Friday 30th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton – over the border into Sefton – B5197 Prescot Road, Melling – A506 Cunscough Lane, Melling – over the border into West Lancashire – A506 Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe – A570 Ormskirk Road, Bickerstaffe – A570 St Helens Road, Ormskirk – A570 Park Road, Ormskirk – B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk – B5197 Prescot Road, Ormskirk – B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton and vice versa.

AND FURTHER, an alternative route for pedestrian traffic affected by the closure is via:-
B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton – C122 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of Doctors Railway Footbridge to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18234/EW]

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Roger Mark Gibbons Ltd trading as R.M. Gibbons Ltd is applying for a licence to use Stuarts Farm, Whiteleys Lane, Lathom, Orkskirk L40 6HF as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicles and to use Stuarts Farm, Whiteleys Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk L40 6HF as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 2 trailers.
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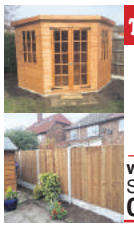

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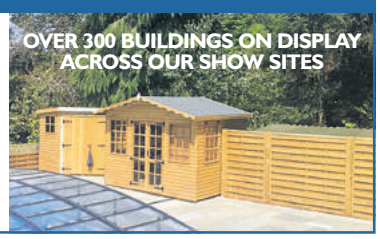

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Classics like the Jaguar Mk2 show why doing the driving yourself is so enjoyable

I'll have to meditate out of unholy thoughts

I MIGHT have to take an extended retreat on a mountain-top monastery and try and meditate my way out of having what – to a dyed-in-the-wool petrolhead – are clearly unholy thoughts. For a split second the other night, I thought buying an electric car might actually be a good idea.

They have, from the various ones I've tried, come a long way in barely a decade.

If I was being sensible I might be tempted by a BMW i3, but if I wasn't it'd be an emphatic yes to Renault's Twizy.

What's more, either would make perfect sense on my current commute; a 20-mile drive to and from an office which, helpfully, already has charging points on site.

That's the way the nation's moving; for all those longer drives I do to North Wales and the remoter bits of Yorkshire I'm still very much an advocate of internal combustion, but for an increasingly large swathe of the population it's getting ever easier to go all-electric, especially with unleaded nudging £1.30 a litre.

But that's not the worry I had for a classic owner who wrote to me the other day, pondering what implications Britain's lunge towards zero emissions motoring had for his Jaguar Mk2. For me, it's autonomous vehicles, not electric ones, that pose the biggest challenge.

Again, these are getting better every year, but until you remove humans and their awkward habit of making irrational, last-minute decisions out of the equation, you're still going to get crashes. Logically, the only way to do that is to have autonomous-only roads – a sort of Docklands Light Railway for cars, if you like – where cars that don't have that driver-free capability can no longer roam.

There are no plans from the Department for Transport to do this, but it's already looking at technology that's pointing in that direction, the most obvious being smart motorways that beam traffic information straight onto digital displays on car dashboards.

The EU's already mandated that new cars from 2022 onwards will have speed-limiting tech pre-installed.

Even in an all-electric world it isn't hard to imagine a scenario where people with classic cars would still be able to get petrol from somewhere, but I dread the day when they're confronted with roads they're no longer allowed to use.

What's more – and I know this is a hugely indulgent, selfish thing to admit in our bid to become a cleaner, greener, safer Britain – I *like* driving.

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These are the sort of things you just can't do if you pre-program your destination into an autonomously-guided electric pod – no matter how good an idea they might briefly seem.

Think carefully, chaps in Whitehall…

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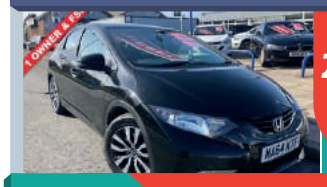

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Ainsdale's Andy Barlow has scored 199 runs so far this season.

Ormskirk set for Rainhill test as they chase leaders

THE entire fixture list in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier, First and Second Division was washed out by the rain meaning all our local clubs had a blank day last Saturday, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

With 14 matches now played Bootle (263 pts) remain top of the Premier Division, whilst Ormskirk (228 pts) sit in second place, and Northern (212 pts) are in third.

Formby (170 pts) are in sixth place, while Southport & Birkdale (115 pts) sit just one place above the relegation zone in tenth place but do have a 17 point advantage over 11th placed Colwyn Bay and a further 54 point lead over bottom placed Lytham.

Leading local run scorers are Taylor Cornall 433 (Northern), Sam Oldham 362 (Formby), Tyler McGladdery 335 (Ormskirk), Will Affleck 330 (Southport & Birkdale), George Lavelle 328 and Alex Rankin 322 (both Ormskirk).

Leading local wicket takers so far are Tom Sephton 42 (Northern), Gary Keedy 37 (Southport & Birkdale), Tom Hartley 32 (Ormskirk), Will Purser 28 & Scott Butterworth 23 (both Bootle), Liam Grey 22 (Northern) and Jhangir Liaqat 21 (Bootle).

In the First Division, Ainsdale (188 pts) sit in fifth place 31 points behind second placed Newton le Willows and 42 adrift of top of the table Wigan, whilst Fleetwood Hesketh (73 pts) still have it all to do in 11th place as they're currently 14 points clear of bottom placed Wavertree but 18 points adrift of safety and tenth placed Prestatyn.

Leading local run scorers in the division are: Stephen Lucas 477, Mark Lucas 361, Dylan Mullen 235 (all Ainsdale), Matty Howard 219 (Fleetwood Hesketh) and Andy Barlow 199 (Ainsdale).

Leading local wicket takers are Martyn Farrell 29, Mal Swift 22, Stephen Lucas 18 (all Ainsdale) and Tommy Wareing 14 (Fleetwood Hesketh).

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity (180 pts) sit in fourth place twenty one points behind second placed Caldy, whilst Maghull (155 pts) lie in sixth place in the table, Burscough (148 pts) are ninth and last but not least Hightown St Mary's (139 pts) are one place above the drop zone in eleventh, but do hold a sizeable sixty four point lead over bottom placed Alder.

Leading local run scorers are Jayden Schadendorf 465 (Hightown St Mary's), Jon Ring 431 (Maghull), Wim Van Der Walt 393 (Southport Trinity), Ryan Hughes 375 (Burscough), Craig Prince 360 (Southport Trinity), Anthony Molloy 343 (Maghull), Brendan Domigan 263 (Burscough), Jonny Hine 252 (Southport Trinity), Navdeep Aujla 238 (Burscough), Bobby Eyes 216 (Southport Trinity), Jon Stone 210 (Burscough), Paul Walters 196 (Maghull) and Matt Laybourne 193 (Hightown St Mary's).

Leading local wicket takers...Joe Medew-Ewan 30 (Maghull), Craig Prince 25 & Akshay Sreenivasan 25 (both Southport Trinity), Chris Andrews 21 (Burscough), Michael Roberti 21 (Southport Trinity), Jim Kelly 21 & Jayden Schadendorf 20 (both Hightown St Mary's), Ryan Hughes 20 (Burscough), Cam Lawrenson 18 (Maghull), Matt Laybourne 18 (Hightown St Mary's) and Mark Prince 17 (Southport Trinity).

This weekend's local LDCC fixture's (1pm start): Bootle v Northern, Leigh v Formby, Ormskirk v Rainhill, Southport & Birkdale v Orrell Red Triangle, Ainsdale v Northop Hall, Prestatyn v Fleetwood Hesketh, Maghull v Alder, St Helens Town v Hightown St Mary's and Southport Trinity v Burscough.

The Area Group 3 Vitality Club T20 Finals Day due to be played at Ormskirk also fell victim to the rain last Sunday, so both semi finals featuring Garstang v Horwich RMI (10am) and Ormskirk v Burnley (1pm) will now take place this Sunday 4th August with the winner playing each other in the final at 4pm.

Burscough and Skem prepare for league openers this weekend

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skem manager Paul McNally

AFTER around four weeks of pre-season football it all starts for real on Saturday for Burscough and Skelmersdale United and with two league games each and an FA Cup tie over an eight day period it certainly does make it real.

Skelmersdale start off on Saturday (August, 3) with a trip over the hill to Ashton in Makerfield where they take on Ashton Athletic, Burscough start a last season at Victoria Park with a home game against Winsford United, both games kicking off at 3pm.

Tuesday, August 6 sees both teams on the road, Burscough head in a Blackpool direction to tackle Squires Gate, Skelmersdale have a tough one when they are away to many people's fancy to win the North-West Counties Premier Division, Bootle, both games kicking off at 7.45pm.

The FA Cup action starts on Saturday, August 10 in the Extra Preliminary Round. Burscough have a local derby away to AFC Liverpool, Skelmersdale are at home to Penistone Church (played at Voliar Park, Prescot).

There will lots more about the FA Cup games in next week's edition.

So what of the prospects for our local rivals this season?

Burscough have Dave Sutton back in the hot seat after Terry Green resigned from the Linnets dug-out at the end of last season, there will be some changes too, centre-forward Chad White has moved on the play for promotion favourites Bootle where he will be joined by defender Danny Brady.

Both will be missed, but there will be replacements wearing the green and Burscough have performed strongly during the pre-season so are expected to start 2019/20 well.

Skelmersdale have made changes as many might expected, manager Paul McNally showing trust in many of the players that ended last season, whilst selectively strengthening. They after a slow start to pre-season have built up nicely as the season beckoned with a pair of victories as we go to print on Tuesday.

The whole set-up is due to be boosted by an expected return to Skelmersdale very soon and we await the official good news.

McNally spoke in an interview with the North-West Counties League website this week saying: "It's still a young team, they're gonna make errors and do the wrong things at the wrong time but they're gonna progress and hopefully some of them might go a little bit higher in the game."

McNally takes a pragmatic view of how things will turn out during the new season aiming at a solid position of consolidation pointing out: "The saying is if you've got a lot of money then you'll have a bit of success and I think that's generally right.

"We haven't got money and we're trying to do it the right way by building and building and attracting one or two to build into that to, hopefully, make us an attractive proposition for players to come in next season - maybe half way through the season - and build again."

Meanwhile, Burscough player Rhyce Merrifield faces a spell on the sidelines after breaking his ankle in a recent friendly match.

Merrifield in action for Burscough

Linnets face AFC Liverpool in FA Cup extra preliminary draw

THE draw for the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup has pitted local sides Burscough and AFC Liverpool together for a derby clash.

The FA Cup's 2019-20 campaign gets underway on Saturday, August 10 when the extra preliminary round kicks-off across the country.

Skelmersdale United have been drawn against Penistone Church as they look to progress to the next round of the competition.

With a total number of 736 clubs entered into the FA Cup this season, 368 of them are preparing to start their cup campaign at its earliest stage with 184 ties scheduled.

Those winners will progress into the preliminary round, where they will be joined by 136 clubs who enter the competition at this stage on Saturday, August 24, with a further 160 ties scheduled.

The prize fund for this term's competition has also been released, with both winning and losing clubs at the earliest stage receiving payment as those who progress from the extra preliminary round pick up £2250 and the losing teams get £750.

And that theme of losing clubs receiving prize money continues until the competition reaches the first round proper in November.

There are 50 new entries to this season's competition from the 2018-19 campaign, of which 23 of them will be FA Cup debutants.

The local sides involved in the extra preliminary round are:

- Skelmersdale United v Penistone Church
- AFC Liverpool v Burscough
- Avro v Litherland Remyca
- Eccleshill United v Bootle
- City of Liverpool v Campion

Marine will enter at the later preliminary round stage and play away at the winners of Athersley Recreation and Padiham on Saturday, August 24.

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Champion Newspapers, working with the organisers of this much loved event have published this supplement showcasing everything that will be going on this year, and also looking back at the event's rich and fascinating history.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

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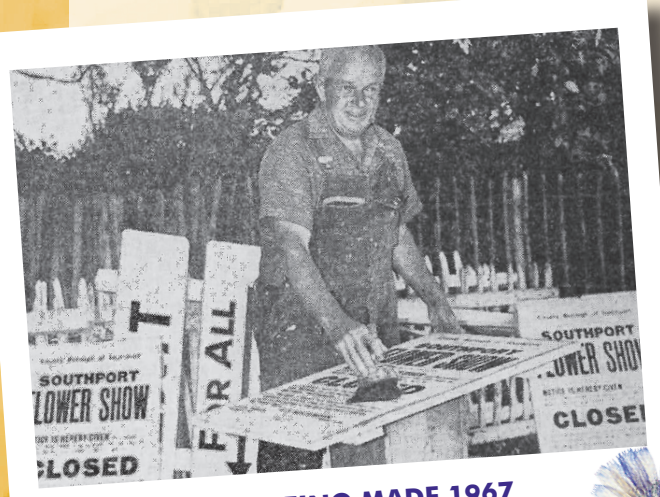

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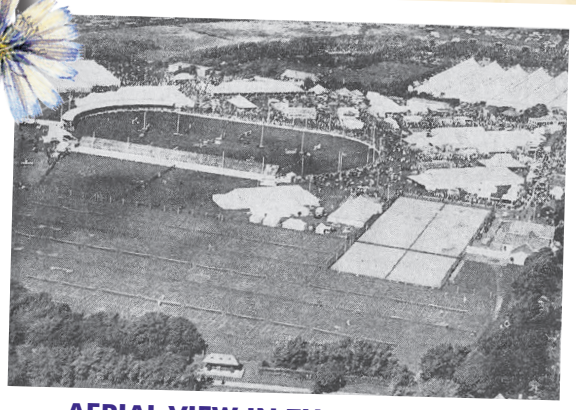
Not at the hands of world conflict ... but council cuts. Sefton Borough Council, which had funded and operated Britain's biggest independent horticultural event, announced it was pulling the financial plug. Even in 1986 the local authority was being forced into making savings and the show was considered to be too big a financial risk. But out of the devastating decision an astonishing story emerged.

In true British spirit, a committee of local horticulturalists and business people was formed to negotiate with the council over the future of the show and its 34-acre Victoria Park home. Tensions on both sides were running high when they met in December 1986, but the mood was lifted after a symbolic gesture by Carl McClure, the leader of the local committee. When he entered the meeting with Sefton Council's Resources Committee he placed a single orchid on the top table. This poignant act changed the mood of the meeting and resulted in a deal being struck. The council agreed it would work in partnership with the local committee in organising one more show, in 1987, but would not underwrite any financial liabilities the show might incur. After that, the Southport Flower Show would have to stand on its own without any support from the public purse.

Thirty two years on, the Southport Flower Show is the UK's biggest



AERIAL VIEW IN THE EARLY 60'S

independent flower show and is still run as a charity by a group of volunteer trustees.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

It all goes back to the 1920's, when Alderman Charles Aveling was the driving force behind setting up the show. The British Empire Exhibition was being held in London the same year, 1924, and Southport offered something of an alternative for those unable to make their way to the capital. It was also the beginning of the era of mass holidays as the dust settled after the First World War, and that first show attracted 44,000 visitors.

Come the 1930's and Southport could lay claim to being the biggest independent flower show in the UK. But it all came to a halt in 1939 as war broke out across Europe. The slogan was "Dig for Victory" and there was little time for the luxuries of a flower show.

With the coming of peace it was possible to get the Flower Show moving once again. Queen Elizabeth, later the Queen Mother, agreed to continue as patron as she had done since 1935, and the first post-war show was held at Victoria Park in 1947 and from there continued without interruption.

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The traditional ethos of the show continues to be at the centre and the charity invests heavily in its Show Gardens, Grand Floral Marquee, Contemporary Floral Art Marquee and Amateur Competitions.

The show aims to promote the benefits of horticulture, not only for the pleasure of creating a beautiful plant but also to improve personal health and wellbeing. To educate and inspire the young to enjoy horticulture, children up to the age of 16 get free admission. For many years, the show has worked with local schools in the area offering a 'create a garden' competition.

APPEALING TO A NEW AUDIENCE

The charity has also been very aware of the need to appeal to a 21st century audience and to remain commercially viable. In addition to the vision and scent of exquisite and colourful floral displays, the show offers varied alternative entertainment, food and drink, shopping and live music. In 2017 the show introduced an interactive marquee where gardens could be built on Minecraft and hosted by YouTube Minecraft experts which proved hugely popular. A pop-up retail village has also been introduced incorporating brands such as Kuoni, Aga, Sheridan, Toyota, Lexus and the Co-op with exhibitors selling everything from plants and garden products, to clothing and accessories, home and cook ware to luxury holidays and cars.

The Food Festival showcases over thirty national and regional producers whilst the Cookery Theatre encompasses some of the best local chefs, supported by a variety of celebrity chefs. It's been a gradual evolvement from the show Alderman Aveling brought to the town in 1924, but not at the expense of the horticulture that makes it a show that has thrived, adapted and wowed for 90 glorious years.

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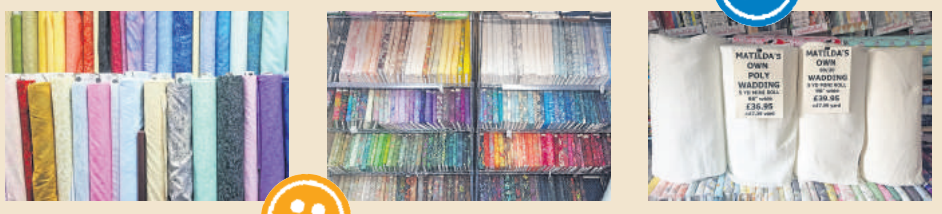

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11am & 1pm

DAVE MYERS

Sunday 18th
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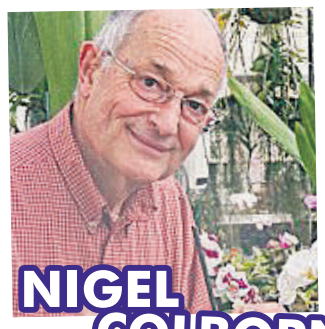

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TIME TRAVEL

To celebrate Southport Flower Show's 90th anniversary, you can journey into the past with actor Leon Ockenden on board the 'Travel back in time bus'. Leon, who has appeared in Coronation Street and the ITV drama Mr Selfridge, will be the conductor and narrator on board our history bus, sponsored by Arriva. Using archive footage and specially commissioned video, the bus will take passengers back through the ninety years of the Southport Flower Show.

DOG DAYS

Visitors to Southport Flower Show love their dogs, that's why last year organisers changed the rules to allow pet dogs into the show grounds for the first time. Families are welcome to bring their four-legged friends along once again in 2019 and animal lovers will also be treated to a show by the K92000 Dog Display Team. There is also the Dog and Duck Show which features dogs herding ducks in a hilarious and fascinating insight into dogs' natural instincts.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Southport Flower Show will host a bustling food marquee with over 60 independent stalls offering you and your family a host of tasty treats.

From gourmet snacks to fresh produce, to sweet treats for the kids, there is something for everybody in the food tent. There will also be a cookery theatre with some of the nation's top chefs delivering tips while they cook live, including Dave Myers from the Hairy Bikers.

TV GARDENING GURUS

Broadcaster Adam Frost joins some of the nation's leading gardening experts who will be on hand to share their knowledge with visitors. Adam is an award winning designer who presents Gardeners' World on the BBC.

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JUSTIN'S BACK IN THE HOUSE

Children's TV favourite Justin Fletcher returns to Southport with a brand new stage show for 2019. The star of CBeebies is known to millions of young fans for his hilarious characters including Mr Tumble.
He will perform two shows for families on Sunday and said:

"I am so thrilled to be coming back to Southport this summer and meeting all the lovely families."

AMATEUR COMPETITIONS

Southport Flower Show has the largest Amateur Growers' Competition in the country. The show prides itself on not only the very high standards, but also its friendliness. The Amateur Growers' Competition also includes Honey, Baking and Preserves (Junior Classes as well) and Floral Art.

MUSIC

The Showground features a host of brilliant musical acts including the Batala Mersey Drum Group. For something a little more chilled the Piazza Stage hosts continuous easy listening near to the catering areas. Pull up a chair and relax as performers entertain you throughout the day.

PECULIAR PLANTS FROM MR PLANT GEEK

Learn about some of the quirkier examples of plant life with Michael Perry, more popularly known as Mr Plant Geek. Michael loves to explore the unusual offshoots of the natural world and often shares his obsessions via selfies to thousands of followers on Instagram.

KIDS GO FREE

Southport Flower Show has something for all the family and it's also excellent value for money as kids are admitted free of charge. Children under the age of 16 are granted a free pass if they are accompanied by a paying adult and there is a packed programme of entertainment aimed at the little ones all around the show site.

SHOPPING

Southport Flower Show features a pop-up shopping village with over 300 stalls offering everything from arts and crafts to items for the home and garden. Stallholders include luxury suppliers of fashion, jewellery, homeware and furniture.

MINECRAFT FROM MINEVENTION

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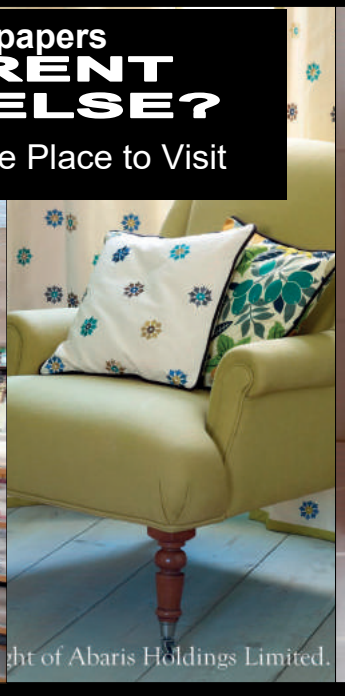

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11am	Welcome Ceremony with Show Opener Bruno Tonioli	Floral Art Demo Tom Hodge	Christine Walkden followed by a Q&A with Christine and Adam Frost	Justin Fletcher
12pm	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Christine Walkden
1pm	Floral Art Demo Nikki Leadsom	Nigel Colburn	Floral Art Demo Nikki Leadsom	Justin Fletcher
2pm	Strictly's Bruno Tonioli	Floral Art Demo Nikki Leadsom	Christine Walkden followed by a Q&A with Christine and Adam Frost	Floral Art Demo Tom Hodge
3pm	Floral Art Demo Tom Hodge	Nigel Colburn	Floral Art Demo Tom Hodge	Christine Walkden
4pm	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Mr Plant Geek, Weird & Wacky Plant Show	Floral Art Demo Nikki Leadsom

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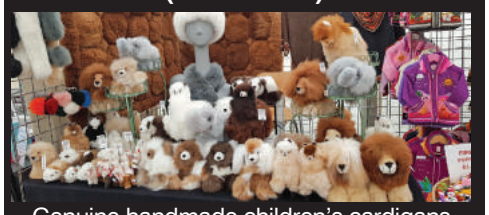

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